

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Southern California Edison Company (U 338-E) For Approval of its 2004 Revenue Requirement and Related Estimates Under the Energy Resource Recovery Account (ERRA); And For a Commission Finding that its Procurement-Related and Other Operations were Reasonable for the Record Period September 1, 2001 Through June 30, 2003.

Application 03-10-022
(Filed October 3, 2003)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
REQUIRING PREHEARING CONFERENCE STATEMENTS**

This ruling requires parties intending to participate in this proceeding to file, serve, and e-mail Prehearing Conference (PHC) statements no later than November 7, 2003.

Pursuant to Decision (D.) 02-10-062, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) filed its semi-annual Energy Resource Recovery Account (ERRA) Application on October 3, 2003. SCE proposes that this ERRA filing be separated into two distinct phases: (1) a Forecast Phase, and (2) a Reasonableness Phase. SCE also proposes in the Forecast Phase to consolidate all of its revenue requirement changes that the Commission may authorize by January 1, 2004 into one rate level change, to be reflected in January 1, 2004 rates. In its application, SCE includes a proposed schedule for the Forecast Phase and defers a schedule for the Reasonableness Phase to the PHC, now scheduled for November 12, 2003. SCE asserts that evidentiary hearings are not required for the Forecast Phase.

D.02-10-062 initiated the semi-annual ERRA process that included, for SCE, an April 1 filing to establish annual fuel and purchased power forecasts (forecast) and an October 1 filing for review of balancing accounts, contract administration, URG expenses and least-cost dispatch (reasonableness). By that process, SCE's current application should be limited to reasonableness issues. SCE has not explained or justified the inclusion of a forecast at this time. Also, the company has not explained how this change from the D.02-10-062 process will affect the schedule for its forecast and reasonableness filings in the future. SCE should provide the justification and explanations in its PHC statement.

SCE and other parties intending to participate in this matter shall file and serve PHC statements by November 7, 2003. The PHC statements should address the following:

1. SCE's inclusion of a forecast in this filing and how forecast and reasonableness filings should be scheduled in the future.
2. SCE's proposal to bifurcate this proceeding into separate forecast and reasonableness phases.
3. The need for evidentiary hearings on either or both forecast and reasonableness issues.
4. A proposed schedule for the party's preferred procedure for handling this case.
5. The necessity and practicality of a single rate change for multiple proceedings, as proposed by SCE. And
6. Issues being addressed in SCE's prior ERRA application, Application 03-04-022 that may impact this proceeding.

IT IS RULED that:

1. Parties intending to participate in this proceeding shall file, serve, and e-mail Prehearing Conference (PHC) statements on or before November 7, 2003. Statements should address the items listed in the body of this ruling.
2. Pending the taking of appearances at the PHC, the service list for Southern California Edison Company's most recent Energy Resource Recovery Account filing (Application 03-04-022) shall also be used as a supplemental temporary service list for this proceeding.

Dated October 28, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ DAVID K. FUKUTOME

David K. Fukutome
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail, and by electronic mail to the parties to which an electronic mail address has been provided, this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Requiring Prehearing Conference Statements on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated October 28, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ KE HUANG

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N O T I C E

Parties should notify the Process Office, Public Utilities Commission, 505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 2000, San Francisco, CA 94102, of any change of address to ensure that they continue to receive documents. You must indicate the proceeding number on the service list on which your name appears.